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SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF BUDNIK BROTHERS

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1. RABBI KREIMAN TOLD EMBOFF AUGUST 12 THAT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE BUDNIK CASE SUGGEST THAT THE BUDNIK BROTHERS WILL BE RELEASED SATURDAY, AUGUST 14.
 2. KREIMAN STATED THAT JULIO BUDNIK CALLED HIS WIFE ON THE EVENING OF AUGUST 10 TO REPORT THAT HE WAS WELL, IN CHILE, AND WOULD BE RETURNING HOME AUGUST 14. THE RABBI STATED HE HAD CALLED PRESIDENT PINOCHET EARLIER IN THE DAY TO REPORT THAT THE SITUATION REMAINED THE SAME -- NAMELY, THAT NO LEADS HAD DEVELOPED ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE TWO BROTHERS AND THAT THE FAMILY CONTINUED TO RECEIVE STRANGE CALLS FROM THE TWO (REF A). THE PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AGAIN AND SEE WHAT HE COULD DO.
 3. ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 11, A PRESIDENTIAL AIDE CALLED RABBI KREIMAN TO INFORM HIM THAT PRESIDENT PINOCHET WOULD BE CALLING SOON. INSTEAD, STATED KREIMAN, DINA CHIEF COL. CONTRERAS CALLED AND REPORTED THAT DINA HAD GOOD LEADS ON THE "BANDITS" WHO HAD KIDNAPPED THE BUDNIK BROTHERS AND WHERE THEY WERE LOCATED. HE THOUGHT THEY WERE IN SANTIAGO. CONTRERAS PROMISED
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TO FOLLOW UP THE LEADS "VIGOROUSLY" AND SAW NO REASON WHY

THE CASE COULD NOT BE CRACKED AND THE BROTHERS FREED BY SATURDAY, AUGUST 14.

4. SWITCHING THE TELEPHONE DISCUSSION TO SPANISH, KREIMAN THEN TOLD EMBOFF IN EFFECT THAT IF THE BUDNIKS SHOWED UP SATURDAY AS INDICATED, THE RABBI WOULD INFORM B'NAI BRITH THAT THE BROTHERS HAD INDEED BEEN KIDNAPPED BY BANDITS -- NOR FOR POLITICAL MOTIVIES -- AND THAT THEY HAD BEEN FREED THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF THE GOC AUTHORITIES.

5. COMMENT: KREIMAN AND THE BUDNIK FAMILY HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED BY A NICE DILEMMA IN THIS CASE: TOO LITTLE PRESSURE ON THE GOC WOULD NOT EFFECT THE BROTHERS' RELEASE, WHEREAS TOO GREAT PRESSURE AND A PUBLIC OUTCRY MIGHT MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE GOC TO FIND A REASONABLE WAY TO RELEASE THEM. IT NOW APPEARS THAT KREIMAN HAS MADE A TACIT OR AN EXPLICIT DEAL WITH DINA WHEREBY HE DROPS ANY EFFORT TO IMPLICATE THE GOVERNMENT IN THE BROTHERS' DISAPPEARANCE, AND THE BROTHERS IN TURN ARE RELEASED -- PRESUMABLY HAVING BEEN GIVEN A STRONG INCENTIVE TO KEEP THEIR MOUTHS SHUT. IF THE BROTHERS ARE RETURNED, KREIMAN WILL WANT B'NAI BRITH, THE DEPARTMENT AND THE EMBASSY TO AVOID FURTHER ACTION OR COMMENT. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT ACT ACCORDINGLY. IF THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO SHOULD EVER ARISE, WE WILL DISCREETLY SEEK TO DETERMINE WHY THE BUDNIKDS WERE PICKED UP, WHERE THEY WERE TAKEN, HOW THEY WERE TREATED, WHETHER (AS WE HAVE SOME REASON TO BELIEVE) THEY WERE SUBJECTED TO EXTORTION OR THEFT, AND WHETHER THE BUDNIKS WILL RETURN TO A NORMAL LIFE.
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